

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14 of the Texas Constitution, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, do hereby veto House Bill 707 because of the following objections:

(1) House Bill 707 expressly exempts legislative agency procurement from any preference requirements, including current requirements. If preference requirements are such a good idea, why did the Legislature exempt itself?

(2) House Bill 707 would be almost impossible to administer because of the large number of possible preference combinations. Determination of the various preference levels and verification of the qualifications of products and bidders will be an excessive administrative burden requiring an inordinate expenditure of Texas taxpayers' money.

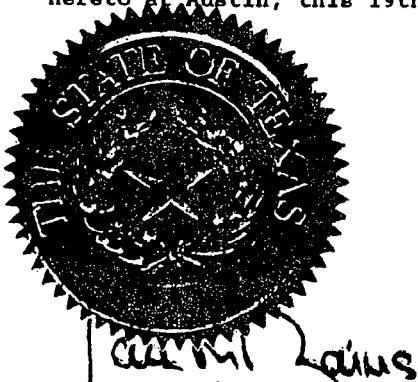
(3) House Bill 707 could increase the cost of public contracts for products and services significantly at a time when the public interest is better served by reducing the cost of government.

(4) The definition of "Texas products" in House Bill 707 includes products produced in other countries.

(5) The federal government does not approve of federal, state or local government preference provisions because of their negative effect on foreign trade. I am persuaded that House Bill 707 would be counterproductive to Texas' effort to attract foreign business.

The Secretary of State shall take notice of this action and notify the Legislature.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 19th day of June, 1987.



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